



### SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FUNDS PERKINS

July 15, 2005 - Following the Senate Appropriations Labor, HHS, and Education (Labor-HHS-Ed) Subcommittee markup and passage earlier this week, the FY 06 Labor-HHS-Ed bill was approved by the full Senate Appropriations Committee yesterday with a vote of 27 - 0.

Despite the CTE community's call for an increase in Perkins funding, the full Committee did not alter the spending totals previously established in the Subcommittee this week. The Committee authorized **\$1.309 billion of funding for Perkins**, which is \$17.6 million less than was allocated in FY 05. The House Labor-HHS-Ed appropriations bill, which allows \$1.311 billion, also called for less funding than FY05 levels.

While both the Basic State Grant and Tech Prep received level funding, the reduction of funds in both bills is due to the elimination of funding for Tech Prep Demo (\$4.9 million) and Section 118, Occupational and Employment Information Program (\$9.3 million). In addition to those cuts, the Senate bill also eliminates funding for National Programs (\$11.6 million).

Proving that this is indeed a tight fiscal year, 23 education programs were eliminated in the House, while the Senate eliminated 13 programs. Despite this bleak outlook, not all hope is lost for Section 118, Tech Prep Demo, and National Programs. There is the possibility that an amendment will be filed on the Senate floor to restore funding to one or more of these programs, or a restoration could occur during conference. This bill is not expected to be considered on Senate floor until September.

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